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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PROFESSOR LEMAIRE TO JERUSALEM

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1. AMBASSADOR VAN USSEL, BELGIUM, PAID CALL ON PERMREP JONES TO DISCUSS CURRENT PLANS FOR PROFESSOR LEMAIRE TO VISIT JERUSALEM. VAN USSEL SAID LEMAIRE HAD MET WITH DG M'BOW WHO SUPPORTED THE PLAN TO HAVE LEMAIRE VISIT JERUSALEM. VAN USSEL SAID LEMAIRE HAD PLACED TWO CONDITIONS UPON ANY VISIT, THEY WERE: (1) THAT HE BE RECEIVED AT A HIGH LEVEL BY THE GOI, PREFERABLY BY ALLON, AND (2) THAT THE GOI BE PREPARED TO INDICATE SOME CHANGE IN THE PATTERN OF EXCAVATIONS. VAN USSEL SAID LEMAIRE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY MRS. LAMBERT THAT ALLON WOULD AGREE TO SEE HIM AND THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE THAT GOI MIGHT ANNOUNCE EARLY TERMINATION OF ALL EXCAVATIONS IN THE ARAB QUARTER OF THE CITY, PARTICULARLY THOSE NEAR THE HOLY PLACES. VAN USSEL SAID LEMAIRE WAS FULLY SATISFIED WITH THE RESPONSE.

2. DG M'BOW URGED LEMAIRE TO GO IMMEDIATELY BUT,  
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ACCORDING TO VAN USSEL, LEMAIRE WANTS TO WAIT UNTIL AN

APPROPRIATE MOMENT WHEN TENSIONS HAVE LESSENER. THIS, HOPEFULLY, WILL BE SOMETIME IN THE FIRST PART OF SEPTEMBER.

3. LEMAIRE WOULD TRAVEL UNDER TERMS OF THE 1972 AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOI ABA EBAN AND DG MAHEU AND THERE WOULD BE NO CONNECTION WITH THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE 1974 GENERAL CONFERENCE.

4. LEMAIRE REPORTEDLY ASKED DG M'BOW WHAT CONCESSION HE WOULD MAKE TO GOI IF HE WERE RECEIVED AS PLANNED. M'BOW REPORTEDLY SAID NOTHING AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, VAN USSEL FEELS THAT IF THE GOI FULLY STOPS THE EXCAVATIONS IN THE MOSLEM SECTIONS IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE DG TO WITHHOLD APPLYING THE SANCTIONS PARAGRAPH OF THE RESOLUTION, BUT THIS IS ONLY CONJECTURE. M'BOW IS STICKING TO THE POSITION THAT HE MUST SEE SOME SUBSTANTIAL AND POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE STATE OF EXCAVATIONS BEFORE MAKING ANY MOVE TO DEFLATE THE RESOLUTIONS.

5. LEMAIRE HAS ALSO INDICATED HE WILL CONFINE HIS EFFORTS SOLELY TO THE EXCAVATIONS PROBLEM AND WILL NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY OTHER UNESCO-GOI MATTER, PARTICULARLY THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. VAN USSEL SAID THAT MRS. LAMBERT HAD IMPLIED THAT LEMAIRE MIGHT BE A GOOD PERSON TO ACT AS LIAISON WITH UNESCO ON OTHER ISSUES, PROBABLY IMPLYING EDUCATION IN THE OCCUPIED

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6. COMMENT: THE LEMAIRE VISIT WOULD BE A POSITIVE STEP TOWARD PROVIDING A BASIS FOR SOFTENING THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IF THE GOI DOES STOP EXCAVATIONS. IT IS INTERESTING THAT IN RECENT MEETING WITH YAPOU (REFTEL) HE SAID HE HAD NOTHING NEW ON THE LEMAIRE VISIT. HE MAY NOT BE COMPLETELY OCCURRENT WITH WHAT IS GOING ON AT HOME. PERMDEL HAS NOTED THAT GOI UNESCO DEL. OFTEN IS NOT FULLY UP-TO-DATE. TIMING OF THE LEMAIRE VISIT WILL BE IMPORTANT; IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF IT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE FALL EXBD. THE REPORTS OF BOLLA AND CONTON WERE VERY NEGATIVE AND DISCOURAGING AND A MORE POSITIVE ELEMENT IS NEEDED TO MOVE THINGS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. M'BOW CLEARLY NEEDS TO SHOW MORE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IF HE IS TO TAKE A POSITION WHICH WOULD PUT HIM IN CONFLICT WITH THE MORE MILITANT MOSLEM STATES WHO WANT NO COMPROMISE ON THE GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS. WITH HIS DEPENDENCE ON SOME OF THESE STATES FOR NON-INTEREST LOANS TO MAINTAIN THE ORGANIZATION'S CASH FLOW, M'BOW IS CAUGHT, AS THE SAYING GOES, BETWEEN THE "ROCK AND THE HARD PLACE" INsofar AS THE JERUSALEM ISSUE IS CONCERNED.  
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